

House Resolution 1138

By: Representatives Coleman of the 97th, Ashe of the 56th, Oliver of the 83rd, Wilkinson of the 52nd, and Hembree of the 67th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dorothy Olson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dorothy Olson has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
3 role that she has played in community leadership and her deep personal commitment to the
4 preservation and dissemination of the history of the State of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
6 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her state as evidenced dramatically by her seven
7 years of dedicated service as a teacher and her 27 years of further superlative service to this
8 state which included serving as a Capitol Tour Guide from 1980 to 1981, director of the
9 Capitol Tour Program from 1981 to 1991, director of the Capitol Museum from 1991 to
10 2004, and Capitol Museum and Tour Director from 2005 to the present; and

11 WHEREAS, during her tenure she has been responsible for advising regarding film
12 productions at the Capitol, redesigning the Capitol Museum during its restoration, creating
13 the Hall of Valor historic flag exhibit and storage area, raising over \$300,000.00 for
14 preservation of historic flags, publishing the historic flag book, *Hallowed Banners*,
15 conserving priceless public art work in the Capitol, and serving as spokesperson for the
16 Capitol's history, restoration, and historic flag display; and

17 WHEREAS, this beloved individual has exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty,
18 outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all her endeavors
19 which have been recognized by her receipt of multiple appointments and awards including
20 service on the Bicentennial Commission to Celebrate the Constitution of the United States
21 (1987); Capitol Centennial Commission (1989); Veterans' Honor Memorial for Georgia
22 Dome (1992); Capitol Preservation Commission (1994); Governor's James Edward
23 Oglethorpe Tercentenary Commission (1996); Governor's Commission on Georgia History
24 and Historical Tourism (2001); Commission for Recognition of Public Servants (2006);
25 Georgia Voyager Magazine advisor (1996 to present); and 250 Years of Representative

1 Government in Georgia (2001) and receipt of the Governor's Humanities Award (2002);
2 LaGrange College Shackelford Distinguished Alumni Award (2002); Personal Woman of
3 Achievement (2002); Friend of Georgia Social Studies Award (2005); and the Governor's
4 Award for Historic Preservationist Steward (2006); and

5 WHEREAS, her significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable patience
6 and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the members of
7 the General Assembly have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and
8 associates and the members of this body in particular; and

9 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
10 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; her loyalty, competency, reliability, and
11 enthusiasm have distinguished her superlative service to this state; and her ready smile and
12 her friendship are counted by everyone under the Gold Dome, whether staff or visitor, as a
13 special experience they will always treasure; and

14 WHEREAS, she announced her retirement effective September 28, 2007, and it is
15 abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this distinguished
16 Georgian be appropriately recognized.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body commend Dorothy Olson for her many decades of efficient,
19 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of her state; congratulate her
20 upon the grand occasion of her retirement; and extend to her their most sincere best wishes
21 for continued health and happiness.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dorothy Olson.